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Oscars. 'The Artist'

▶ Jean Dujardin giddily accepted the Best Actor award for his portrayal of a silent film star in "The Artist" at last night's Oscars. "I love your country," the Frenchman said.

Billy Crystal, hosting the show for the ninth time, brought his tired schtick to the 84th annual Academy Awards. But it was the silent indie film "The Artist" that stole the spotlight, sweeping most of the major awards categories including Best Director, Best Actor and Best Picture. Read more on that, Sacha Baron Cohen's antics and the hottest red carpet looks inside. {page 11}

Club scene muddying Old City's reputation

Serious stabbing near Market Street follows student's fatal beating last month Neighbors, workers worried 'Just too many of these bars' {page 02}

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In the news

'No' once again

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a staple on morning talk shows this Republican primary season, again appeared yesterday morning to address the possibility that the muddled GOP race could last until the convention months from now. But he once again said he would not run for president.

Oscar night. Doggie-style

▶ Buttercup is one of the many dogs available for adoption at PAWS. Visit www.phillypaws.org for more information.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Philly animal shelter hits red carpet

Dogs from the Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society strutted their stuff on the red carpet yesterday at an Oscars adoption event in Old City. Sporting boas and bow ties, they were on their best — and most elegant — behavior for potential adopters who stopped by the event at PAWS's center at Second and Arch streets. When not playing dress-up, 6-year-old boxer mix Buttercup is searching for a family to call her own.

MONICA WEYMOUTH

Gunfire in North Philly

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. Police are investigating a fatal shooting Saturday night.

Police responded to the 1800 block of North 20th Street around 10:45 p.m., where they found an unidentified man laying in the street. He suffered multiple gunshot wounds to the torso. Police have not yet released a motive or made arrests. METRO

Fire leaves 22 homeless

BUCKS COUNTY. A four-alarm fire in Morrisville ripped through 15 rowhouses Saturday night, leaving at least two dozen people homeless, according to reports.

Six of the families, totaling 22 people, lost homes. Officials reportedly said that a bathroom vent fan was to blame. METRO

Old City attack outside club has violence on neighbors' minds

Home to most vibrant nightlife leaves bloody mark last two months Workers, neighbors mixed on reasons for fatal beating, critical stabbing One suspected culprit: So many bars

Philadelphia's Old City is known for its raucous nightlife, but lately, it seems that blood has been flowing just as freely as booze.

Saturday morning's stabbing, sparked by a closing time argument in front of after hours club Recess, is the second violent incident within a two-block radius in as many months. In mid-January, Temple grad Kevin Kless, 23, was also wounded after an area altercation as the bars let out, but his injuries proved fatal.

Residents and regulars had mixed feelings on the direction of the neighborhood Sunday afternoon. "I would say, yeah, it is getting more violent," said Chuck Smith, who has worked in the area for 23 years and said he has recently seen a proliferation of rowdy bars. "Because of all the nightclubs and stuff they have down here ... It's a whole lot to Old City that's crazy, as far as the people they attract."

"It's still a beautiful place for me to work at down here, it's just certain times of night things get out of control."

CHUCK SMITH, WHO WORKS IN OLD CITY

Still, many people taking in the sights Sunday were blissfully unaware of the recent incidents. "I get very upset to hear it because I live in Center City," Barbara Harris said.

Rife with historical attractions, Old City is largely populated by wandering groups of tourists during the day. When the sun goes down, an entirely different crowd comes out, more interested in taking shots than tours. There are at least 80 bars and clubs packed into the less than one-half square mile area, according to the Old City District website.

"I don't think it's getting more violent, there's just too many of these bars," Harris echoed. But when asked if she would feel comfortable walking in Old City at night, she said, "Only with my pepper spray in hand — I never go without it."

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ The historic area also has vibrant nightlife.

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Old City crime gets attention

Some people taking in the sights of Old City yesterday felt that there wasn't necessarily an escalation in crime, but that violent incidents in such an idyllic area receive more attention from police, press and citizens.

"This stuff happens everywhere that you go – North Philly is a lot worse," Francois Shahade said. "All these people at night going out to clubs are doing dumb stuff, but I think, wherever you go, if you're among a drunk crowd, things will happen." METRO/AW

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Chinatown alive with Fujian buzz

Chinatown was bursting with color yesterday during its 14th annual Fujian Hoyu Folk Culture Festival, a celebration imported from China's Fujian province honoring those that came before and asking them to bring prosperity to their community through dance, song and re-enactments.

"This festival is 700 years old," said John Testino of Cheung's Hung Gar Kung Fu Academy, whose members performed the traditional lion dance during a parade that marched from 12th and Vine to 10th and Arch streets. "But everyone's really buzzed up this year — it's the first time there's been a stage and a sound system. I've never seen all this."

Men and women in silk robes and wearing masks or face paint danced and sang in front of a row of men dressed in military uniforms, similar to that of the general. At one point, the crowd rushed to throw small red packets into a blanket, which was flung up on the stage.

"We're offering these packs of money to our gods and ancestors," Cheung said. "We hope they receive it because it's in a red blanket — red is a very important color in Chinese culture — and that they send the same prosperity on to us."

Everyone seemed to be in agreement that it was important to keep the tradition alive, to share with both outsiders and their own people. "We really want to reach out to Americans and children who don't know the language anymore," Cheung said.

"Now, America is our country, so we bring our culture to our family," Chan said. ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

General hits quadruple digits

This year was especially significant for revelers.

"We celebrate our general, his 1,000-year happy birthday," Mabel Chan said, who, like many others, took to the outdoor stage at 10th and Vine streets and performed a traditional dance as a tribute to a 10th century provincial leader.

"Our whole country celebrates him. We ask him to bless us with good luck and happiness — and lots of money, too."

"The general is one of our ancestors from China," Joi Cheung said. "He built, from the ground up, the city that we all came from." That city is Fuzhou, capitol of China's Fujian province, she said. The province's Hoyu was also well-represented. METRO

Annenberg's West Coast estate opened for public

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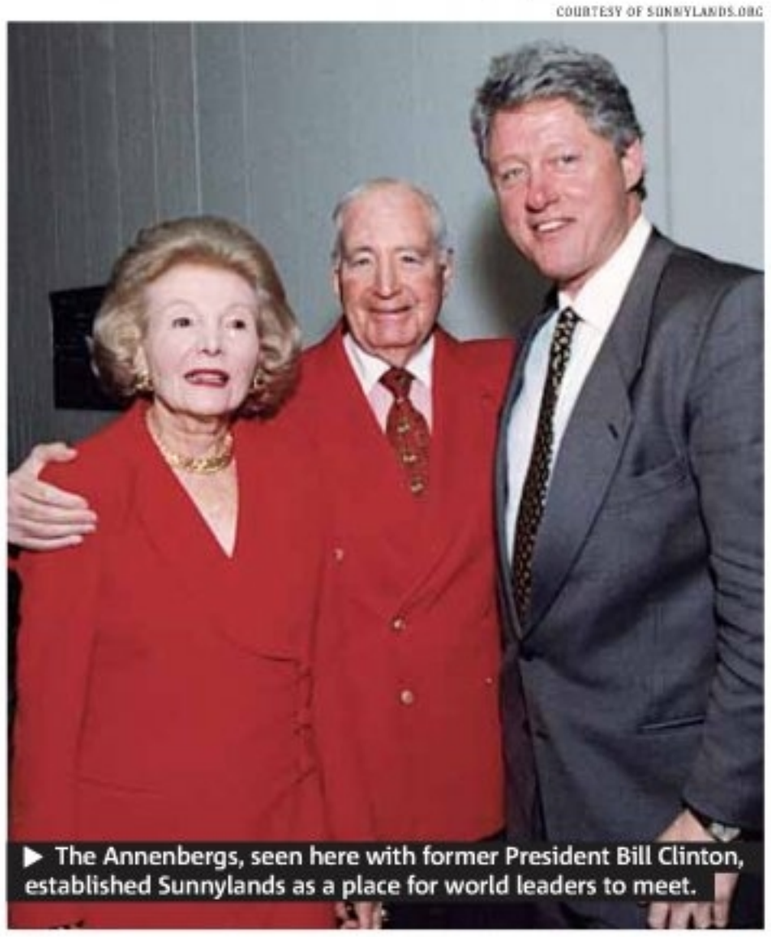

▶ The Annenbergs, seen here with former President Bill Clinton, established Sunnylands as a place for world leaders to meet.

◗ 'Sunnylands,' will still host international dignitaries ◗ Public will get to walk grounds in March

Sunnylands, the baronial Rancho Mirage home of the late Walter and Lenore Annenberg, two of Philadelphia's great 20th century philanthropists, will open to the public for the first time March 1.

The first session of public viewings at the West Coast estate of Walter Annenberg, who was head of a vast media empire that included the Philadelphia Inquirer and TV Guide, is already sold out. Tickets for the second session that begins later next month go on sale March 1.

Besides public tours, the Annenberg trust is modeling itself after Camp David, the presidential retreat that has been the scene of many peace talks.

Elizabeth Kabler, the granddaughter of the Annenbergs and the youngest trustee of Sunnylands, explained, "We are hoping that the beauty, tranquility, and peacefulness of the estate will facilitate dialogue and diplomacy between world leaders, particularly from the Pacific Rim because of our proximity."

The U.S. Supreme Court already holds an annual retreat here. Since the Mexican and American presidential elections coincide this year, we are holding a summit with high level attendees from both countries.

"They loved America."
KABLER, OF HER GRANDPARENTS

Although Nixon appointed her grandfather as ambassador to England, she stressed the bipartisan nature of the retreat.

"Invitees to the opening festivities ranged from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, former Secretary of Defense George Schultz, Los Angeles Mayor Anthony Villaraigosa, singer John Legend and the head of the United Negro College Fund Michael Lomax," said Kabler, who fondly recalled being inspired to dance at the age of 8 by the beauty of the Van Gogh paintings and Rodin statutes in the house.

Kabler, an art consultant, said her grandparents, who have endowed most of the city's leading cultural institutions, established the center because "they loved America."

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Prominent guests

The Annenbergs, particularly during Walter Annenberg's time as U.S. ambassador to Great Britain, hosted many dignitaries and luminaries. Among the long list of visitors and parties:

- Seven American presidents and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher
- The British royal family and Prince Grace (Kelly) of Monaco
- Frank Sinatra's fourth wedding
- President George H. Bush's state dinner for the Japanese Prime Minister Kaifu

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'Hope' artist pleads guilty in AP battle

LOS ANGELES. Artist Shepard Fairey, who created the iconic "Hope" campaign poster featuring then-Sen. Barack Obama for the 2008 presidential campaign, pleaded guilty in Manhattan Federal Court on Friday to one count of criminal contempt for destroying documents, manufacturing evidence and other misconduct.

The guilty plea stems from Fairey's civil litigation against the Associated Press over copyright issues revolving around the poster. Fairey claimed that his use of an AP photograph as the basis for the poster fell under the "fair use" doctrine. **REUTERS**

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Mandela out of the hospital

Former South African President Nelson Mandela was discharged from hospital yesterday after a keyhole abdominal examination showed there was nothing seriously wrong with the 93-year-old anti-apartheid leader, the government said.

"The doctors have decided to send him home as the diagnostic procedure he underwent did not indicate anything seriously wrong with him," President Jacob Zuma's office said in a statement.

His departure from Pretoria's "1 Military" hospital in a multi-vehicle motorcade marks the end of an anxious 24-hour wait for South Africa's 50 million people, after Mandela was admitted on Saturday morning with "long-standing abdominal pain."

The government insisted throughout there was nothing to panic about. **REUTERS**

▶ Media members stand outside the home of Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg yesterday.

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US soldiers wounded in violence over Koran burning

Seven U.S. military trainers were wounded yesterday when a grenade was thrown at their base in northern Afghanistan, police said, as anti-Western fury deepened over the burning of the Koran at a NATO base.

Despite an apology from U.S. President Barack Obama, riots raged across the country for a sixth day yesterday against the desecration of the Muslim holy book at a NATO air base at Bagram. Some protesters hoisted the white Taliban flag.

The Afghan Interior Ministry identified one of its employees as a suspect in the fatal shooting of two U.S. officers in its headquarters a day earlier, an attack that prompted NATO to recall its staff from ministries.

One civilian was killed, 15 more were wounded and three policemen were injured in riots near the NATO base in northern Kunduz province, where the blast that wounded the Americans took place, regional police chief Samihullah Qatra told reporters.

NATO confirmed there had been an explosion outside one of its bases in northern Afghanistan. **REUTERS**

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Sixty-nine percent of Americans consider balancing the budget a top priority, according to January's Pew poll, citing a figure that has risen steadily from 53 percent in 2007. For the first time, the budget is now on par with terrorism and trumped only by the economy and jobs in importance to Americans.

And who do Americans trust most to handle these highest of political priorities? Republicans have long dominated Democrats in perceived trustworthiness on national security, while both parties have been in a virtual tie for the last year when it comes to the economy, jobs and balancing the budget.

Republicans, however, have begun pulling ahead of Democrats in trustworthiness on the budget, according to a new AP-GfK poll released Thursday. While President Obama and the Republican primary candidates have both promised to balance the budget, Americans seem to find those promises easier to believe when they're made by Republicans.

But Americans' trust in Republicans is misplaced. According to an analysis by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget comparing the various fiscal proposals of the Republican primary candidates, only Ron Paul has proposed policies that would reduce projected U.S. debt over 10 years, by 9 percent of GDP. Under Newt Gingrich's plan, debt would actually increase by a whopping 30 percent of GDP, while Rick Santorum would increase the debt by 20 percent of GDP. Mitt Romney's plan would increase debt by only 1 percent, but remember — the candidates have promised to drastically cut the debt, not merely to increase it by less.

What about President Obama? According to CRFB's analysis of his newly-released 2013 budget, the President's plan also reduces the debt by 9 percent of GDP — the same as Ron Paul. That's right — the President and Ron Paul are the only two candidates whose policies have any positive balancing effect on the budget at all. At best, Romney's plan merely maintains the status quo, while Gingrich and Santorum make things significantly worse.

So, to the 69 percent of Americans who care deeply about balancing the budget — don't be so trusting. Candidates love to run with scissors, but few are willing to put them to good use.

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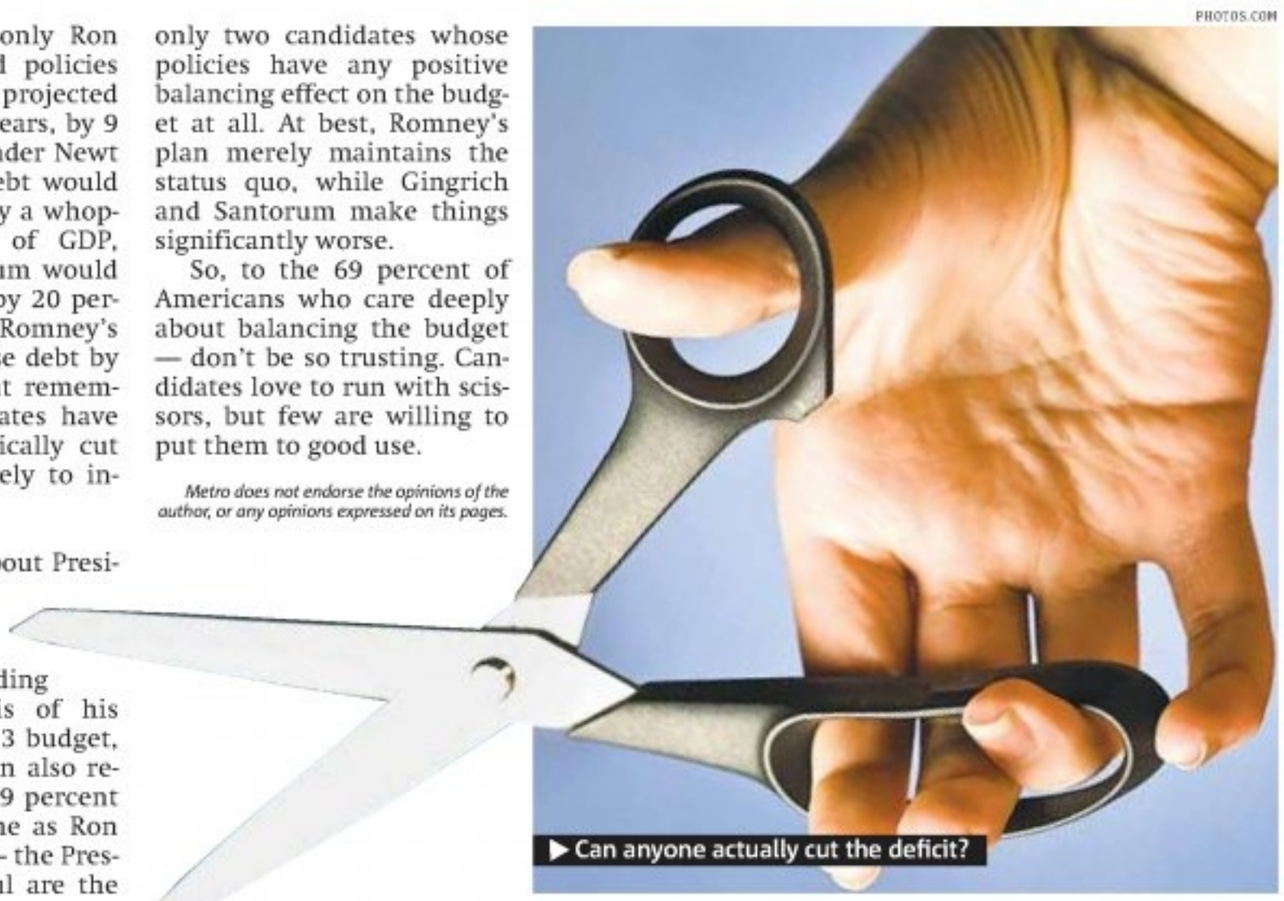

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Adam Sandler earns 11 Razzie nominations

While the world continues their celebration of the Oscars and the best and brightest in Hollywood, let's take a moment to look at the worst. Specifically, poor, poor **Adam Sandler**, who is saddled with the sad honor of earning 11 Razzie nominations (a record!) for his various work as an actor, writer and producer on three movies for 2011: "Jack and Jill," "Bucky Larson" and "Just Go With It." Sandler received two Worst Actor nominations, one for "Just Go With It" and another for "Jack and Jill." Oh, and he also received a Worst Actress nod for "Jack and Jill" (the bright side: at least he's breaking gender barriers).

His "Jack and Jill" co-stars, **Katie Holmes** and **Al Pacino**, each received a Worst Supporting Actress and Actor nomination for their work in the film, respectively. Way to bring down Pacino, Sandler.

It's time for Sandler to pick up a copy of the 1998 edition of "Stop with the Fart Jokes: Transform Your Career and Become an Oscar Winner in No Time" by **Tom Hanks**. Soon, he'll be starring in "Punch Drunk Love II: Still Drankin'," where he and **Emily Watson** end up adopting a middle-aged deaf, mute and blind train hobo who teaches them the true meaning of life.

▶ Adam Sandler and Katie Holmes at the premiere of the Razzie-nominated "Jack and Jill" last November in California.

Worst film noms:

- "Jack and Jill"
- "Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star" (Sandler also co-wrote)
- "New Year's Eve"
- "Transformers: Dark of the Moon"
- "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1"

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@AlbertBrooks: Just bought a used gas centrifuge on Ebay. If neighbor does not quiet dog I will build nuclear weapon. #fairwarning

@JessicaSimpson: Vampire Diaries has been a minor obsession of mine this month!! I've watched every episode!! Ok, so maybe it isn't a minor obsession.. Ha

@SarahKSilverman: I just said "granola" too many times & now I have no idea what it means or how I ever knew it

Celeb. Spotting

▶ It's either baby Blue or a bunched up jacket: Your call.

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Beyonce takes Blue for brunch

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A predictable show and obvious winners

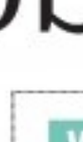
The 84th annual Academy Awards opened with a very familiar formula but it felt more tried than true. With Billy Crystal hosting the awards for the ninth time, he barely strayed from tradition with a tone-deaf sing-along parody of the nine nominated films — a gag he and other hosts have done year after year.

But the evening was not without laughs — Crystal's stale jokes notwithstanding. The principle cast of "Bridesmaids" managed to sneak in jokes about how "size matters," Emma Stone gamely flirted with Jonah Hill from the stage and the Christopher Guest crew did a sketch about an imagined focus group for "The Wizard of Oz."

Also entirely predictable were the wins for the biggest awards. Octavia Spencer and Christopher Plummer accepted their awards for best supporting actress and actor — both of whom were the predicted front-runners in their categories. And while Martin Scorsese's 3-D film "Hugo" swept most of the technical awards, Michel Hazanavicius' much-hyped, but little seen indie film "The Artist" took top honors for Best Original Score, Best Director, Best Actor and Best Picture.

Winners

- **Best Supporting Actress:** Octavia Spencer, "The Help"
- **Best Actor in a Supporting Role:** Christopher Plummer, "Beginners"
- **Adapted Screenplay:** Alexander Payne, Nat Faxon and Jim Rash, "The Descendants"
- **Original Screenplay:** Woody Allen, "Midnight in Paris"
- **Best Director:** Michel Hazanavicius, "The Artist"
- **Best Actor:** Jean Dujardin, "The Artist"
- **Best Actress:** Meryl Streep, "The Iron Lady"
- **Best Picture:** "The Artist"



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▶ Even if everyone else knew she was going to win the Best Actress award for "The Iron Lady," Meryl Streep was shell-shocked and humble, as always.

"When I heard my name called I could almost hear half of America saying 'Oh no, her? Again? Why?' Well, whatever."
MERYL STREEP ON WINNING THE BEST ACTRESS AWARD

Baron Cohen's red carpet prank

Everyone knew Sacha Baron Cohen wouldn't be walking the red carpet in your standard penguin suit. After the ban had been lifted on him appearing at this year's Academy Awards arrival gauntlet in character, a publicity stunt for his upcoming movie "The Dictator" seemed well in order.

Baron Cohen cued up to have a quick chit-chat with Ryan Seacrest. Bearing an urn with the face of Kim Jong-il, he said he brought the deceased leader's ashes to the Oscars red carpet because "it was his dream to come to the Oscars and be sprinkled on the red carpet and on Halle Berry's chest, again." He then leaned in and spilled the contents onto Ryan Seacrest's suit. Poor Ryan stared sadly at his suit, not believing what had just happened. For the following four interviews all he could talk about was the "Bisquick" that Sacha Baron Cohen had just spilled on him. Tina Fey, Emma Stone, Antonio Banderas and Melanie Griffith just had to sympathize. **METRO/HP**

Red carpet: White hot ...

1. We all knew **Rooney Mara** was saving her white moment for the Oscars. And she didn't disappoint in stunning Givenchy Haute Couture.
2. Early attendee **Milla Jovovich** kicked off the night with some old Hollywood glamour in an embellished white Elie Saab Haute Couture gown.
3. Octavia Spencer stayed true to Tadashi Shoji and shows us that women with curves don't have to hide in black.
4. Gwyneth Paltrow's sleek Tom Ford gown came with matching cape. Chic — and practical. Love it.

... and bright spots

5. Viola Davis embraced her natural hair and, um, girls in this green Vera Wang gown.
6. Did somebody get **Angie** tipsy before the show? Jolie in Atelier Versace showed some leg and was all smiles on the red carpet.
7. Michelle Williams kept it girly in a coral Louis Vuitton gown complete with ruffles, bow and peplum.
8. Who needs a body-hugging mermaid gown when you can look like an ethereal princess — and throw back all the Wolfgang Puck treats you want? **Jessica Chastain** in Alexander McQueen.
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'Act of Valor' triumphs at box office

Military drama "Act of Valor" claimed the No. 1 spot on movie box office charts, beating expectations with an estimated $24.7 million in U.S. and Canadian ticket sales during another busy weekend at theaters.

Tyler Perry's new drama, "Good Deeds," finished in second place with $16 million, according to studio estimates released yesterday.

In third place, family film "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson took in $13.5 million during its third weekend in domestic theaters. The movie's total sales worldwide have topped $235 million.

Rounding out the top five, Denzel Washington thriller "Safe House" grabbed $11.4 million and love story "The Vow" grossed $10 million.

But two other new films couldn't crack the top five. "Wanderlust" rung up $6.6 million, earning eighth place. The comedy stars Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd as a stressed Manhattan couple who start a new life in a commune. Universal and Relativity produced the film for about $30 million.

"Gone," a new thriller starring Amanda Seyfried, pulled in $5 million domestically and finished in ninth place. The movie tells the story of a woman trying to find a serial killer who has abducted her sister. REUTERS

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▶ "Act of Valor" stars real-life, active-duty U.S. Navy SEALs alongside professional actors in a fictional story about a mission to rescue a kidnapped CIA agent. Some scenes used live fire rather than visual effects.

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'Be Fearless' and land your dream job

Don't get hung up on being 30 and not in a career you love. Think about it: It takes us about three decades to get our act together. For the first 18 years we're growing up and going to mandatory school, then for the next few years we're either in college or trying to figure out what to do, then we're trying to establish ourselves in a career. So here you are at 30, serious, and with many years of a fulfilling career ahead of you. You're in a good place! Be fearless as you forge ahead toward your dream job.

Here's advice taken from my new book, "Be Fearless: Change Your Life in 28 Days."

Define your dream job. Be specific. What it would entail? Do you prefer working independently or as part of a team? Do you want to do something creative or more analytical? Define all aspects of this dream job and the qualities you seek in it.

Surround yourself with people who you think can help you. What mentors can you tap for advice? How can you network and meet people who can help?

Ask other people how they got to be where they are. You'll gain valuable advice knowing how others have done it.

Interview someone who has this dream job. Ask questions that will yield valuable information. Find out what the person did to land it. What do they love about their job? What's most challenging? What would they most like to change?

Do an internship or shadow someone at a company you admire. For example, if you always wanted to be a journalist, reach out to your favorite commuter newspaper and make yourself available.

– Jonathan Alpert's new book, "Be Fearless: Change Your Life in 28 Days," is out April 24. It will be sold at all major booksellers and Amazon. Check in with him online at www.jonathanalpert.com, on Facebook (www.facebook.com/jonathanalpert) and Twitter @jonathanalpert.

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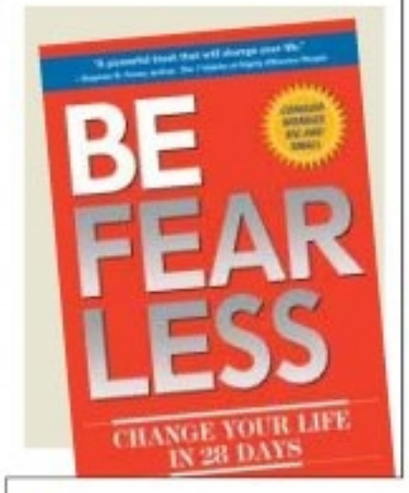

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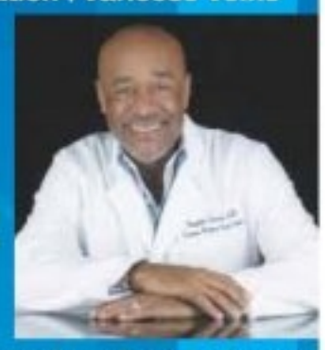

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So you wanna be a chef?

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▶ We asked some of New York City's biggest names for their best advice ▶ Rule No. 1: Make sure you really want it ▶ Rule No. 2: Prepare to peel

At the annual benefit for the Careers through Culinary Arts Program — a nonprofit that works with underprivileged high school students to get them ready for college and careers in the restaurant world — distinguished chefs in attendance gave us their best words of wisdom for the next generation of kitchen superstars. Read on for their cooking counsel.

▶ *"Just make sure you want to do it, because it's definitely a difficult profession. Ten years ago there wasn't 'Top Chef' and all that — it's out there a lot more, it's more of this glamorous thing. Your first five years, you're gonna be a grunt peeling potatoes and onions — and it's not as glamorous as you see. It's something that you really have to love if you're gonna get into the field."*
— Joseph Fortunato, Extra Virgin

▶ ***"Find yourself a job while you're going to school, and work in the environment. Or, before you go to school, get a job in the food industry — even if you have to be a runner — and see what it's all about. It's expensive to go to school, and it's a commitment."***
— Sarabeth Levine, Sarabeth's

▶ *"Continue to learn and continue to look at those who are next to you and around you for any new and different ways to do things. There is always more than one way to crack an egg. Never think that what you know is the end-all, be-all of anything."*
— Clifford Crooks, BLT Steak

▶ ***"Pick a good restaurant, pick a mentor, work really hard. Start at the bottom. That's just my opinion — and it worked for me and most of the people I know."***
— Matt Hoyle, Nobu Fifty Seven

▶ *"Learn your fundamentals. That's why an organization like C-CAP is so important — because these kids are given the fundamentals. From there, you could expand. Your expertise gives you the ability to really blossom."*
— Michael McCarty, Michael's

▶ ***"Three words: quality, quality, quality. After that, you have to have a lot of strength and love for your friends in the kitchen. You can have the best recipe, but if you don't have this recipe, you cannot succeed."***
— Maria Loi, Loi

▶ *"Work hard and be really passionate. I think you should always aspire high and try to do your best. And if you're passionate and you work with a chef or sous chef that really cares about you, it can never be wrong. Today we have such a diverse restaurant scene — it's absolutely an amazing time to be a young, up-and-coming cook. This is the one field that you're always gonna be employed [in]."*
— Marcus Samuelsson, Red Rooster Harlem

Can you cook as a second career?

"A lot of great people have done it. Alice Waters didn't really start in the business until her 30s. It is often a young man's business or a young woman's business because there is a lot of energy involved — but I think if you have the creativity, that's fine." **— Jason Weiner, Almond**

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Home office must-haves:

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We're not usually the type to get excited about home office products, but have you seen Martha Stewart's new line for Staples and Avery? As a woman with (many) a home office, Stewart understands organization to a T, and her new line is — no surprise — crisp, clean and designed for efficiency. It's also — dare we say it? — beautiful.

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"There are something like 20 million home businesses, 17 million of which are run by women," Stewart told reporters at an event to debut the new line. "And women like pretty things: They like their homes to look nice, they want to organize, they want to be unique, tidy. We thought, 'What a great opportunity.'"

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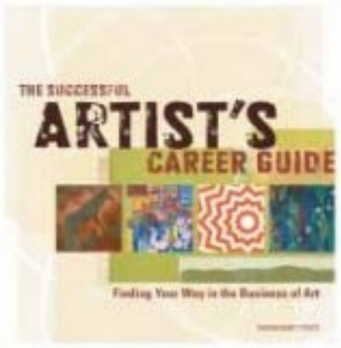
▶ Artist and author Margaret Peot

Making a living while making art

'Successful Artist's Career Guide' shares stories of working artists who creatively earn their paychecks

New York City-based artist Margaret Peot makes the bulk of her living as a costume painter for Broadway artists, figure skaters and circus performers. She loves her craft, and makes a good living at it, too. Plus, it provides her the security to pursue her personal art: elaborate, time-consuming, allegorical woodcuts.

When she received her BFA from Miami University in 1986, she never could have predicted that career. So, when Peot set out to write a career guide for visual artists, she wanted to ask searching questions of the reader rather than attempt to deliver clear-cut answers.



"The Successful Artist's Career Guide: Finding Your Way in the Business of Art" will be officially released this week. The 224 pages are teeming with worksheets and writing assignments intended to aid readers in divining their true calling, and they include scores of interviews with a variety of successful, working artists.

"I love to read about people's lives — how they got from point A to point B. It's never what you think. I started interviewing my friends, and then people started referring me to extraordinary artists," says Peot. "I kept discovering people that were really making a decent living with their artwork, and I wanted to share some of their wisdom. The idea got picked up pretty quickly [by a publisher]. I think maybe because of the times we're in, people are reshaping their lives and this book rang a bell."

No need for starving artists

"Artist's Career Guide" is adamant that visual artists can lead healthy, financially stable lives. But, unlike other careers, it is a journey that requires personal tailoring — and introspection.

"There's something romantic about the troubled artist living a difficult life," explains Peot. "But you can't sustain being a tortured artist forever. I make it a point to say, 'Maybe you can actually choose how you want to live and have your dream, too.'"

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Re: 'When a penny saved is ... wasted'

The Great Depression did not get as severe as it did because of "enormous amounts of government spending." It got that way because of protectionist tariff increases, and because the federal government raised taxes and slashed spending in a vain attempt to preserve the monetary gold standard. FDR's New Deal proposals were successful in getting the recovery well under way by 1937. Had it not been for government intervention and spending, many might have wound up homeless, poor and starving.
JON MELICK, VIA E-MAIL

Contrary to Kelly Donnoe's view, progress was made in the 1930s and starvation was reduced; the error in 1937 was agreeing to Republican austerity at the wrong time. WWII spending was cut because the war ended; government programs did contribute. Housing, GI Bill, infrastructure and contribution to technology resulted in much growth even with higher taxes than today.
HARRY THORN, PHILADELPHIA

You are not going Mad-ea, we promise

I was driving and I thought I saw Tyler Perry pumping gas. I said to myself you are starting to hallucinate. The next day I am looking at the Metro, and guess who was in town? I just want to say thank you for letting me know I'm not crazy. And, if possible, could you please let me know next time? I'd love to have a photo with him.
BETTY HILL, VIA E-MAIL

Re: 'New war?' Debate rages on

Sad fact is that the U.N. and Israel's "neighbors" are standing idly by watching Iran issues lie after lie about producing nuclear energy "for peaceful purposes." I suppose nuclear energy could be used to remove the cancer that is Israel (according to Iran's ranting about Israel). Then there is the matter of Syria and again the U.N. and surrounding nations have become strangely silent as innocent citizens are being slaughtered by Assad and his gang. President Obama's leadership leaves a lot to be desired. A Nixon or a Reagan would have gone to that region to at least try to talk sense into these evildoers.
HERBERT W. STARK, VIA E-MAIL

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Stop-and-frisk an indiscriminate tool

The use of "stop and frisk" and spying involve very high percentages of black, Latino and Muslim residents who are totally innocent. These indiscriminate tactics are pejorative to these communities, and better strategies need to be implemented. It is unconscionable for us to remain silent as our neighbors are subjected to such police state-like harassment. If left unchecked, these methods might spread into other areas and spur an ugly, negative response.
GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

Ratings: Like Yelp, but for teachers

Parents need to know who are the good, the bad and the ugly in public education. Teachers need to be held accountable. Thanks to the media for forcing this issue and having teachers' performance ratings published. **FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR.,VIA E-MAIL**

Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you feel that it's necessary for someone to be more assertive in making a group decision, step forward. No need to be tentative — make the call.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Although most of your personal endeavors will easily be accomplished, you may have to put in some extra hours on your work-related efforts in order to get what you want.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If there is someone you recently met and you find to be quite appealing, don't keep Cupid waiting in the wings. Instead, you should be the one who makes the first move.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You've been lucky so far in that you've been getting away with neglecting a responsibility entrusted to you. Before the powers that be find out about it, you need to halt your procrastination and get crackin'.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** That restless spirit of yours won't easily be appeased unless you use your time productively. Why not make efforts to acquire some new knowledge?

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** It isn't likely to be easy for you to dismiss a certain commercial matter from your thoughts. In order to remove it from your mind, take care of it as soon as you can.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You'll have no trouble attracting others to your banner once they see how fervently you believe in your cause. Get on your soapbox and proselytize.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Should you discover that an associate is doing a better job than you can do in a joint endeavor, don't hesitate to relegate yourself to the sidelines and let him or her take the lead.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If you believe there is something that could be of mutual benefit to you and a partner, don't allow too much time to go by without checking it out. It could be exactly what you both need.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It's imperative that you make all of your own major decisions instead of delegating any of them to others. A surrogate's thinking might be inferior to yours.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Sometimes it's difficult to learn anything new from someone whose ideas parallel yours, but today could be an exception. It's OK to stick with people who think as you do.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Instead of waiting for others to get things rolling, take the initiative and do so yourself. Once you do, the entire group will be glad you did, and will happily jump on board.
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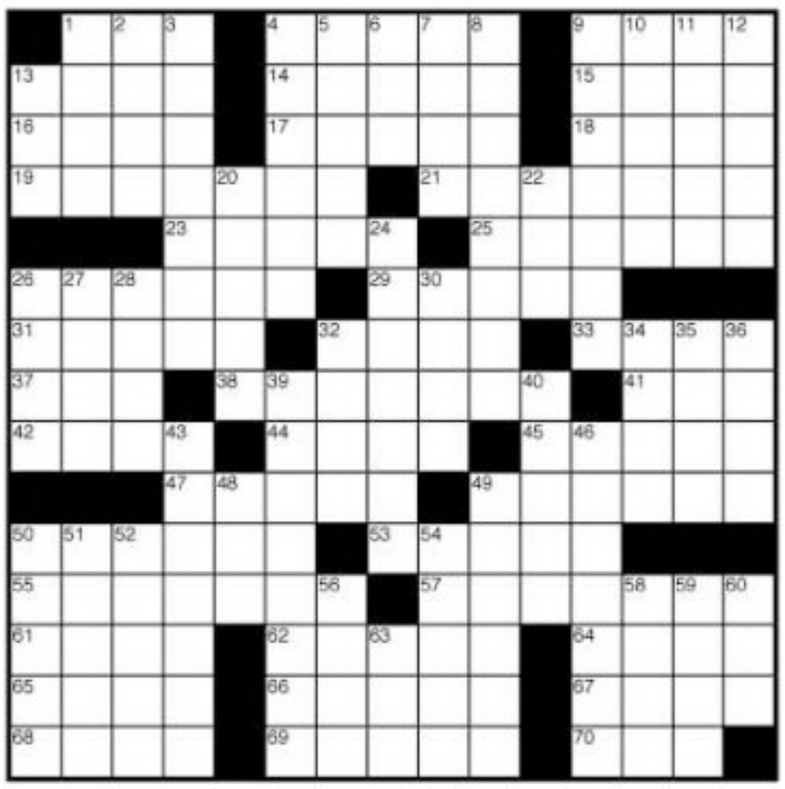

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Unselfish van Riemsdyk won't listen to rumors

Flyers winger not worried about being dealt at today's trade deadline ◗ Prides himself on being 'hard-working guy' with 'high character' ◗ Cap hit jumps to $4.25 million next season

A few NHL players have admitted that they have a bag packed and waiting by their front door, just in case they get traded before today's 3 p.m. deadline. Flyers winger James van Riemsdyk isn't one. It looks like the Flyers have no interest in moving him.

The 22-year-old forward has been subject of trade rumors recently and some had even gone so far as to accuse him of embellishing his concussion to avoid a trade.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ van Riemsdyk

"You know, it's funny when people question your character who've never even met you before," van Riemsdyk said recently. "One thing I pride myself on is being a hard-working guy who has high character and when people say that about you, you can only really just laugh about it and just let it roll off you because I know what I'm all about and that's not one of the things I'm about.

"I'm not selfish. If [a trade] has to happen, whatever, it's part of the game. I'm just focused on what's going on now and that's helping the Flyers win games."

Van Riemsdyk will get a raise next season when his six-year extension kicks in. His cap hit will jump from $1.65 million to $4.25 million per season. This year, he hasn't been able to match his efforts in last year's playoffs — when he scored seven goals in 11 playoff games — due to an injury-plagued season. He has 11 goals and 13 assists in 41 games this year.

While those nagging injuries didn't keep him from missing many games, he still had to play through them. Missing 15 games with a concussion also gave him an opportunity to rest. Since his return, he's played more like his playoff form last year than the beginning of the season when he appeared to be struggling.

In Winnipeg, van Riemsdyk showed why the Flyers put so much stock in him as a power forward when he found Wayne Simmonds in the contest's final 10 seconds for a game-tying goal. Flashes like that are what tell the Flyers they need him for the rest of this season and beyond.

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News in brief

▶ CJ Aiken

Saint Joe's takes share of Big 5 title

Temple couldn't escape new Hagan Arena with a win — or the outright Big 5 championship.

Saint Joseph's snapped a 10-game losing streak to Temple Saturday, beating the Owls 82-72 and walking away with a share of the Big 5 title. Langston Galloway scored a game-high 22 points for the Hawks.

"I would say the significance is we stared in the eyes of a champion," St. Joseph's head coach Phil Martelli said. METRO

Griffin blows right by competition

Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III clocked a 4.41 time in the 40-yard dash, the fastest by a QB.

Griffin is the only QB besides Mike Vick (4.33) to run faster than 4.4 at the NFL combine. Projected No. 1 pick Andrew Luck ran it in 4.67 seconds. METRO

Nationals extend Zimmerman

Ryan Zimmerman and the Washington Nationals agreed to a six-year, $100 million contract extension yesterday, according to ESPN.

He will make an average of $16.7 million per season, according to ESPN, which is second-most among third baseman behind Alex Rodriguez. METRO

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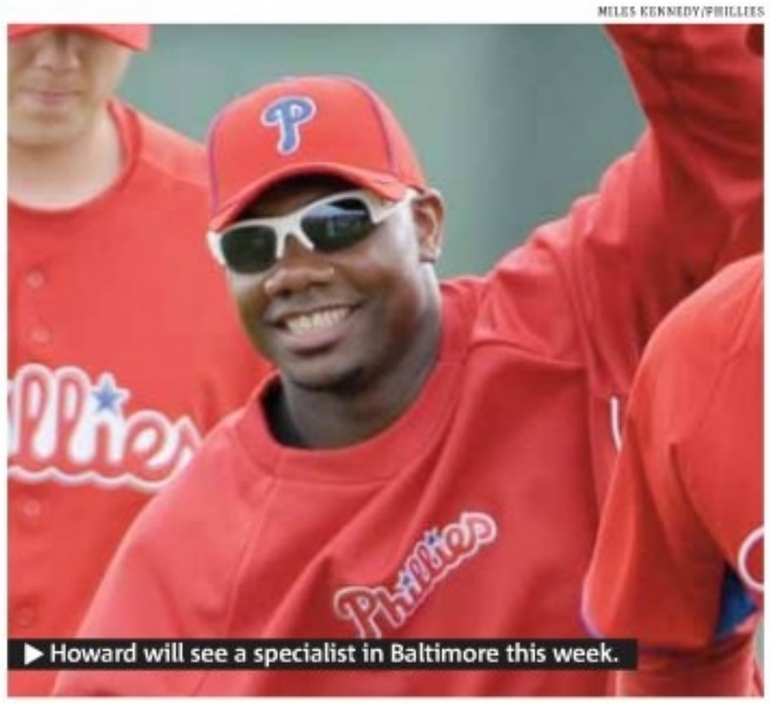
▶ Howard will see a specialist in Baltimore this week.

Howard not suffering from any 'setback'

Chalk it up to a bad choice of words.

Charlie Manuel said Ryan Howard's upcoming checkup with a foot and ankle specialist was a "setback." Yesterday, Phillies head trainer Scott Sheridan clarified Howard's condition. Howard is scheduled to meet with Dr. Mark Myerson today in Baltimore.

"This is kind of a scheduled appointment," Sheridan told reporters. "He did not have a setback, and that's why we're sending him there. It's just something that happens as part of the rehab process."

Sheridan added that even though Howard has been taking live batting practice, the challenge will come when he attempts to run and cut. He wouldn't give any clues on a timetable for Howard's full recovery or even speculate on an adjusted schedule for spring training.

"I don't want to put something out there without Mark seeing him first," he said. "He's the expert and I prefer to have his input before saying something like that." METRO

Spring slate

- Feb. 29 vs. Florida State
  1:05 p.m.
- March 3 vs. Yankees
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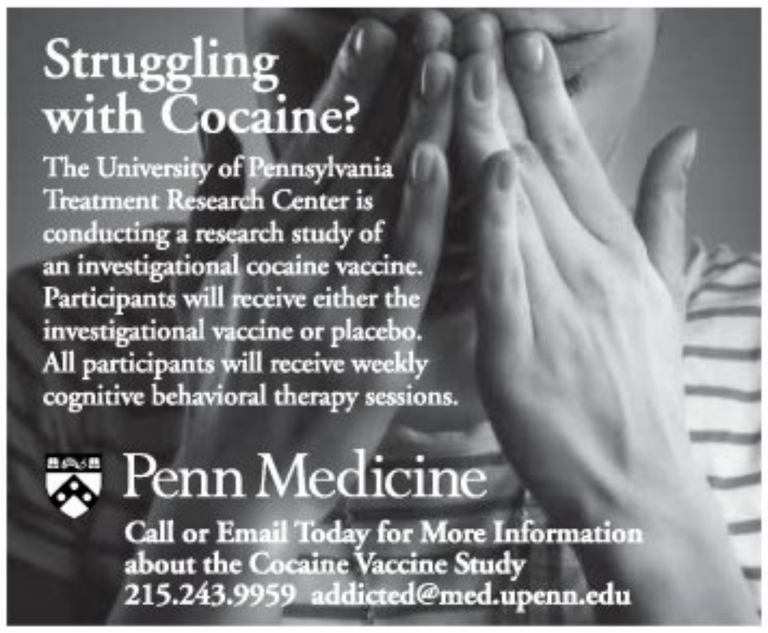
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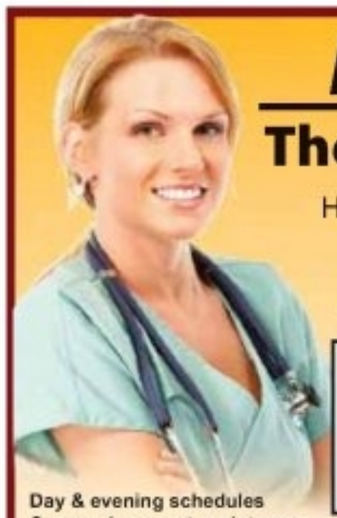

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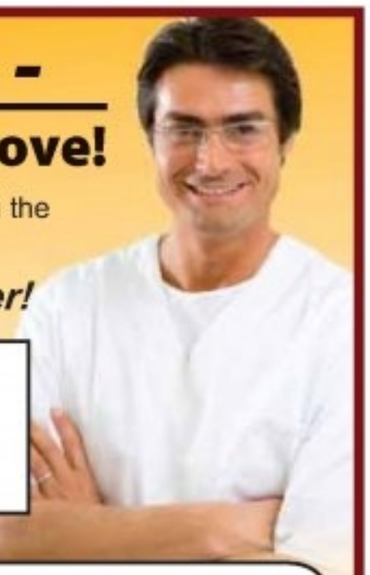

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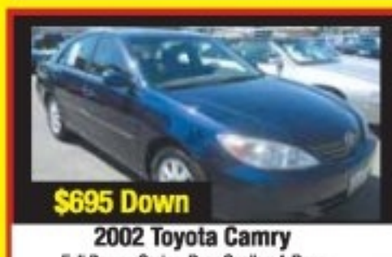

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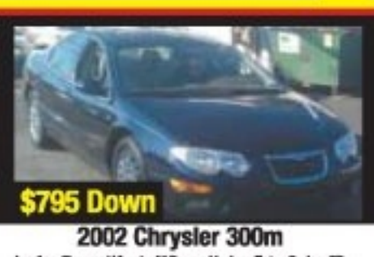

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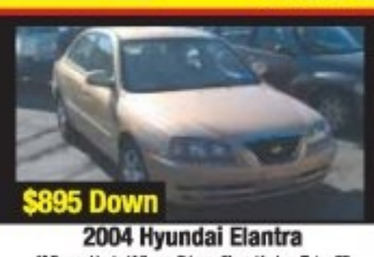

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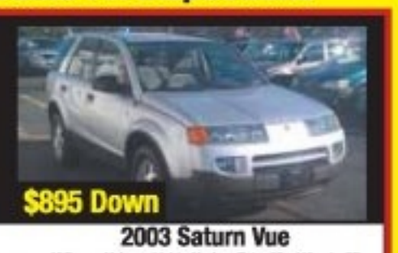

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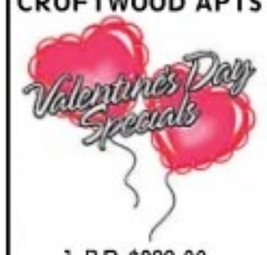

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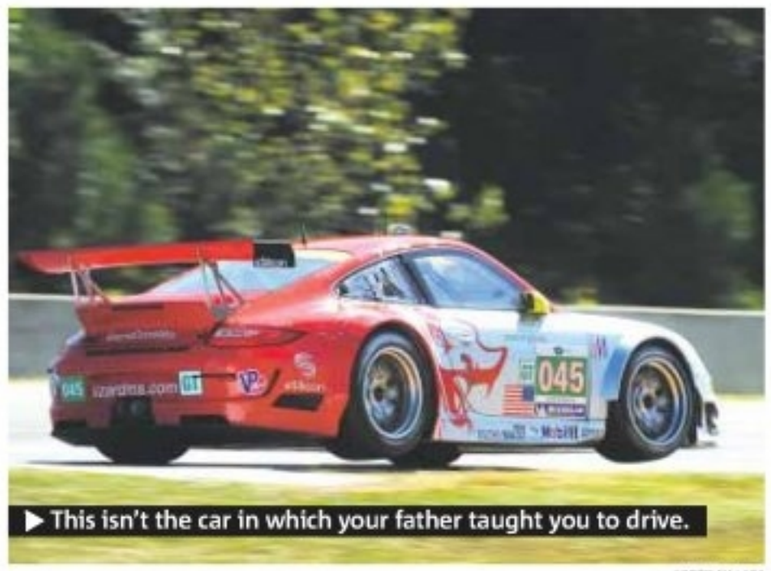

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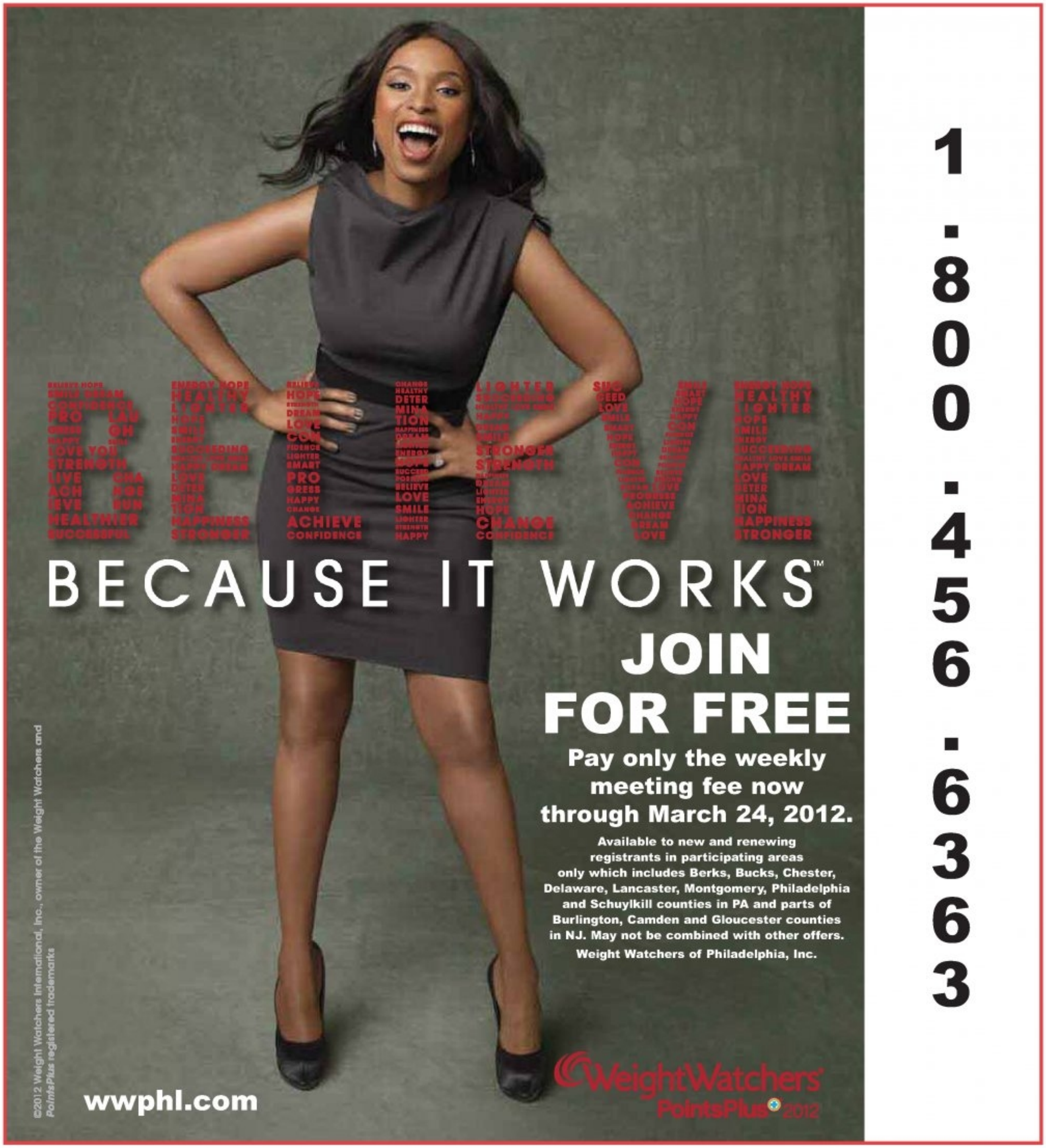
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